

**BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2010
MINUTES**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Barnwell County Council met in a Special Called Meeting on November 19, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in Council Chambers. Those in attendance were Chairman Thomas L. Williams, Vice Chairman Travis Black, Councilman Freddie Houston, Councilman Lowell Jowers, Councilman David Kenner, Councilman Keith Sloan, Councilman Joe Smith, and County Administrator Pickens Williams, Jr. Also in attendance were Auditor Jim Fickling, Sheriff Ed Carroll, Emergency Management Director Roger Riley, Hospital Board Chairman, Don Alexander, and Hospital Board Members Kiffany Perlote, James Wallace and Carolyne Williams. Medical Staff present included Dr. Al Waraich, Dr. Ricky Boyles, and Nurse Practitioner Sara O'Neal.

Call to Order, Invocation, and Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams. Councilman Kenner gave the invocation. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Sloan made a motion to amend the agenda by adding "Consideration of Providing Gift Cards to Employees". Councilman Houston seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Welcome

Chairman Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged the public's attendance at Council Meetings.

Public Comment

Chairman Williams called for comments from the public concerning agenda items. No comments were received.

New Business

Consideration of FY '10-'11 Millage Resolution.

Administrator Williams provided a brief review of the issues concerning the setting of millage rates in a reassessment year. Auditor Fickling provided more extensive information concerning this. He stated that assessments on property that is appraised by the Assessor's Office generally increased from the previous year, but other categories of assessments such as manufacturing, industrial and vehicles were generally down from the previous year. He stated that vehicle assessments are mandated by law to be reduced by at least 5 percent each year. The slight increase in rates included in the Millage Resolution is a result of the various assessments from the properties that are being assessed being combined. He estimated that the value of a mill for

tax year 2010 would be about \$49,500. Councilman Houston made a motion to approve the FY '10-'11 Millage Resolution. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Councilman Black-Yes.
Councilman Houston-Yes.
Councilman Jowers-Yes.
Councilman Kenner-Yes.

Councilman Sloan -Yes.
Councilman Smith-Yes.
Chairman Williams-Yes.

The motion pass unanimously.

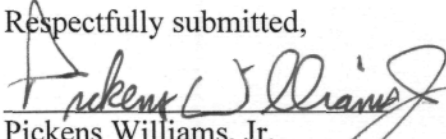
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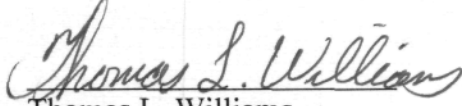
Councilman Houston made a motion to provide \$25 Christmas gift cards to employees this year and to use the pooled interest account in the Treasurer's Office to cover the cost of about \$4,500. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Councilman Sloan made a motion to add "Discussion of Moving from the Administrative Building" to the agenda. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and the motion passed. Administrator Williams asked for permission to move from the third floor as soon as possible and for permission to proceed with steps necessary to move the Dispatch Office and Emergency Management Office since both involve lengthy lead times for ordering equipment and having communication lines set up. Sheriff Carroll asked for permission to order new 911 software as soon as he is sure where he will move this office to. Councilman Sloan made a motion to allow Administrator Williams to move forward with these items. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and the motion passed. Councilman Sloan asked that a moving plan be presented to Council prior to the December 7th meeting and that it be sent to Council by the end of November.

The Special Called Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Pickens Williams, Jr.
Barnwell County Administrator


Thomas L. Williams
Council Chairman